

1. A computer system that determines authorization privileges for resources for a user, the system comprising:

a file system on which the resources reside;

a first software; and

the first software acting to:

intercept an authorization request from the user for a particular resource;

search a cache to determine if the resource may be accessed by the user, the cache containing results of prior authorization requests; and

selectively authorize or deny the use of the resource based upon a result of the search of the cache.

2. The computer system of claim 1 wherein the first software authorizes or denies the use of the resource based upon one or more predetermined parameters.

3. The computer system of claim 2, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a requesting resource.

4. The computer system of claim 2, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a user ID.

5. The computer system of claim 2, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a time of day.

6. The computer system of claim 1 wherein the search of the cache is based on a key, the key derived from one or more search parameters.

7. The computer system of claim 6, the one or more search parameters comprising an FID.

8. The computer system of claim 1, the first software further acting to initiate an authorization protocol that determines an authorization status of the resource when the search of the cache of authorization requests fails to reveal any previous requests.

9. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the results of the authorization protocol to determine an authorization status of the resource are added to the cache.

10. A method to determine authorization privileges for resources for a user of a computer system, the method comprising:

Intercepting an authorization request for access from the user for a particular resource;

Searching a cache of prior authorization requests to determine if the resource may be accessed; and

if a hit is made in the cache, selectively deciding the authorization request based at least in part on information found in the cache.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

determining the resource authorization based upon one or more predetermined parameters associated with the request.

12. The method of claim 11, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a requesting resource identification.

13. The method of claim 11, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a user identification.

14. The method of claim 11, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a time.

15. The method of claim 10 wherein an outcome of the step of searching is based at least in part upon an FID.

16. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

initiating an authorization protocol to determine an authorization status of the resource when the step of searching fails to reveal any requests.

17. The method of claim 16 further comprising:

saving in the cache the results of the authorization protocol to determine an authorization status of the resource.

18. A computer program product on a computer usable medium, the computer usable medium having a computer usable program embodied therein for preprocessing an incoming request for information from a user over network, the information stored on one or more source servers communicatively coupled to a computing system, the computer usable program including:

instructions for intercepting an authorization request for access from the user for a particular resource;

instructions for searching a cache of prior authorization requests to determine if the resource may be accessed; and

instructions for selectively deciding the authorization request based at least in part on information found in the cache.

19. The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising:

instructions for determining the resource authorization based upon one or more predetermined parameters associated with the request.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a requesting resource identification.

21. The computer program product of claim 19, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a user identification.

22. The computer program product of claim 19, the one or more predetermined parameters comprising a time.

23. The computer program product of claim 18 wherein an outcome of the instructions for searching is based at least in part upon an FID.

24. The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising:
instructions for initiating an authorization protocol to determine an authorization status of the resource when the instructions for searching fail to reveal any requests.

25. The method of claim 24 further comprising:
instructions for saving in the cache the results of the authorization protocol to determine an authorization status of the resource.